

STUDIES IN RHAMNACEAE II. Ampelozizyphus amazonicus Ducke  
in Venezuela.

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A new range extension for Ampelozizyphus amazonicus Ducke, a poorly collected monotypic woody vine, is herein reported for Venezuela.

It was originally described by DUCKE (1935) from Amazonian Brasil and later recorded by MACBRIDE (1956) from the Peruvian Amazonia from only five collections.

Ampelozizyphus has recently been collected once from the Guayana of Venezuela and also from the Ecuador-Perú border, (Pastaza Department-Loreto Department). This represents another example of some artificial disjunction patterns of poorly collected neotropical areas.

Ampelozizyphus amazonicus Ducke has been mainly collected along rivers and on "terra firme" and should be sought in comparable areas in Ecuador and Colombia Amazonia.

Its inflorescence and leaves suggest certain Menispermaceae, and according to DUCKE (1935), the outer bark has the odor of methyl salicylate, as does Pourouma, some Polygalas, and Parkia oppositifolia Spruce ex-Bentham. In a forthcoming paper (1980) I will present a key to the Venezuelan genera.

Collections data for the new collections are as follows:

VENEZUELA: Amazonas Federal Territory, 11 kms. northeast of San Carlos de Río Negro, 1° 58' N, 67° 03' W alt. 120 m. Primary Forest adjacent to road near mammal site at Huachica. Laterite soil except white sand near stream. Common name: hoja de mono. 15 Nov. 1977 lvs. and fr. Ronald Liesner 3508 (MO)

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PERÚ: Loreto Department, Río Corrientes at the Ecuador border, between Teniente Lopez and Puerto Avanzado, 280-350 m. alt. Vine, flowers tannish. 4 April 1977 lvs. and fls. Al Gentry, Juan Revilla, and Doug Daly 19032 (MO).

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